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Applicant : Hamilton et al.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to the Examiner's reasons for allowance of claims 16-28 in the Notice of Allowability dated January 5, 2005, Applicants do not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. The claims are also allowable for other and independent reasons. Applicants also do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the cited references.

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